(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, computer education is being introduced in selected clusters as an innovative component of the District Elementary Education Plan. A committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy has been constituted to examine all aspects related to computer education at the elementary level.

Further, the Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) in 2001-2002 to promote Computer Literacy in schools in the country. Under the revised CLASS scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States and UTs on the basis of the Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by StateyUTs. A provision of Rs. 74 crore has been allocated for the implementation of the CLASS scheme during the current financial year.

Modernisation of madarsa education

979. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of 'modernisation of madarsa education';

(b) the present status of the scheme; and

(c) the outlay for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) A statement giving the salient features of the scheme for the "Modernisation of Madarsa Education" and its present status is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Modernisation of Madarsa Education

Under the 15 point programme of the empowered Committee on Minorities Education, the scheme of the Modernisation of Madarsas on Voluntary basis is being implemented since 1993-94. The objective of the scheme is to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas

and Maktabs by giving them financial assistance to introduce Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum. It is being implemented by the State Governments as a Central Scheme under which 100% assistance is provided by the Centre.

Under the Scheme, financial assistance for the following items is given:—

(i) One or two teacher's salaries for teaching modern subjects in madarsas @ Rs. 3,000/- p.m. for primary classes and Rs. 4,000/- p.m. for secondary classes.

(ii) A lumpsum grant of Rs. 7,000/- for th£ purchase of Science/ Maths Kits to each madarsa.

(iii) An amount of Rs. 7,000/- per madarsa is granted for the establishment of book banks and the strengthening of libraries in Madarsas for modern subjects.

(iv) Any other item with the approval of the Grants in aid Committee.

An amount of Rs. 37.00 crores has been provided during the Ninth Five Year Plan for this scheme.

The budget allocation for the current year, *i.e.* 2001-2002 is Rs. 10.50 crores.

AP Tribal areas under Adult Education Programme

980. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether adult tribal women in tribal dominated areas of Andhra Pradesh are being covered under the Adult Education Programme of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many adult tribal women were made literate or able to read and write during the last five years in the State, year-wise and district-wise; and

(d) what other specific measures Government propose to take to spread literacy among adult tribal women of Andhra Pradesh?